



INDIANS





>The History of Indians<

When the Spaniards first landed on our shores, they found a great many savages living here. They were always wandering around. They lived in tents called wigwams, which were moveable. Some of them lived in long houses thirty feet high and two hundred and forty feet long.

They had high cheek bones, and long black hair. They were copper in color and had wonderful endurance. The squaws left their hair long while the men shaved theirs off, except for one tuft which was called the "scalp-lock".

Some of their best runners could run eighty miles a day. They had great courage, self-control, and patience. They could hear sounds that no white man could hear. They could see signs that no white man could see. They could bear the greatest torture without uttering a sound. They could find their way through the thickest woods by only the bark on the trees and the moss.

They were queer people and believed in idols and strange Gods. They thought that they would live after death. Most of the Indians were war-like, but some were peaceful. Different

tribes were always in war though
Indian wars were not very pleasant.
They fought with bows and arrows,
tomahawks, stone axes, and hatchets.
When they killed any one they
would cut his scalp off by the
scalp-lock. They always made
silent attacks on the enemy.
Their services were strange and
noisy.

They had no written
language, but wrote with pictures.
They went around almost naked
in the summer. They had always
lived in the woods, and naturally
knew all about nature. They
lived on simple foods. They ate
mostly fish, animals, beans, and

potatoes, pumpkins and corn.
They ground up acorns for
flour. They ate berries too.
Indians are now becoming less.
They are now mostly civilized.
They are very smart people.

- The End -

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